

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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ALLOCATION UNDER ANNA PURNA SCHEME
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has recommended Central assistance to several States under the Annapurna Scheme regarding distribution of 10 kg of rice free of cost to poor families; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU)

(a) to (c): Central Assistance under National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) which includes Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme (IGNOAPS), National Family Benefit Scheme (NFBS) and Annapurna scheme is released as combined Allocation in the form of Additional Central Assistance to the States. The States have been given flexibility in the implementation of the schemes under NSAP. During 2008-09 Rs. 173487 lakhs have been released so far under NSAP.